



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 11%

For the week ending October 05, 2002, growers placed 11.1 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 10.7% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.1 million) increased 12.0% from the comparable week in 2001. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.3 million, a decrease of 5.0% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.4 million for the week ending September 28, 2002 compared to 11.4 million slaughtered during the same week in 2001.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

		EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	WEEK						
	ENDING	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		 		THOUSANDS			
*	08/10/2002	14,184	14,668	11,726	11,890	11,778	11,890
*	08/17/2002	14,154	14,589	11,616	11,970	11,616	11,970
*	08/24/2002	14,391	14,430	11,685	12,131	11,687	12,132
*	08/31/2002	14,278	14,572	11,700	12,071	11,700	12,071
*	09/07/2002	13,810	13,536	11,528	12,017	11,530	12,017
*	09/14/2002	12,238	13,395	11,727	11,891	11,727	11,891
*	09/21/2002	14,389	12,512	11,676	11,990	11,679	11,990
*	09/28/2002	14,668	13,453	11,270	11,082	11,270	11,082
*	10/05/2002	13,973	13,274	9,879	11,063	9,998	11,063

^{1/} For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	10/12/2002	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	45.86	44.87	48.50	54.74
12-City Composite 2/	52.97	53.07	56.19	60.71

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

^{2/} The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

^{*} Revised.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

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